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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1.	(Currently amended) Means for fastening, securing or clamping goods or for securing a
	person, said means comprising:
	(a) a strap for fastening, securing or clamping goods or person; and
	(b) an information medium permanently attached and ridigly connected to said strap,
	wherein only a portion of the information medium is connected directly to the
	strap:
	wherein the information medium consists of at least one identification medium,
	an insert, different from the at least one identification medium, having high tear strength,
	and a protective casing, which surrounds at least the $\underline{at\ least\ one}$ identification medium[[,]]
	and the insert having high tear strength;
	wherein the at least one identification medium, the insert, and the protective
	casing are joined [[as]]to form a durable unit with a multilayered structure.
2.	(Cancelled)
3.	(Currently amended) Means according to claim [[2]]1, wherein the strap for fastening,
	securing or clamping goods or person is sewn to the information medium.
4.	(Previously presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the strap for fastening,

- securing or clamping goods or person is glued and/or riveted to the information medium.
- (Previously presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the identification medium is readable.
- (Previously presented) Means according to claim 5, wherein the identification medium is machine-readable.
- (Previously presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the insert has a higher tear strength than the identification medium.

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(Previously presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the insert consists of a technical textile, especially a fabric.

9. (Previously presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the insert is strip-shaped.

10. (Previously presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the insert acts on both sides as a carrier of identification media.

11. (Previously presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the identification medium is rigidly connected, especially sewn and/or riveted and/or glued, to the insert.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the protective easing is a tube or a film.

 (Previously presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the protective casing is made of plastics material, especially of polyethylene (PE) or of polyvinyl chloride (PVC).

15. (Previously presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the protective casing is transparent.

16. (Previously presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the identification medium is a label provided with information.

17. (Previously presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the identification medium is a transponder.

18. (Previously presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the identification medium is carried by the insert.

19. (Previously presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the at least one identification medium is covered by a protective layer.

 (Previously presented) Means according to claim 19, wherein the protective layer is a flexible plastics material. Amendment and Response Application No.: 10/551,871 Page 4 of 8

- 21. (Previously presented) Means according to claim 20, wherein the flexible plastics material is a silicone or polyurethane.
- 22. (Cancelled)
- (Previously presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the protective easing is made of a UV-resistant material.
- (Currently amended) Information medium for marking a means for fastening, securing or clamping goods or a person.

wherein the information medium is and permanently attached to [[a]]the means for fastening, securing or clamping goods or a person,

wherein the information medium consists of at least one respective-identification medium, an insert having high tear strength, and a protective casing, which surrounds at least the at least one identification medium and the insert having high tear strength.

wherein the at least one identification medium, the insert, and the protective casing are joined [[as]]to form a durable unit with a multilayered structure.

- 25. (Previously presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the strap for fastening, securing or clamping goods or person is a load strap, support strap, tie member, rope, or safety harness.
- 26. (New) Means according to claim 1, wherein the strap for fastening, securing or clamping goods or a person comprises multiple sections connected by a web.
- 27. (New) Means according to claim 1, wherein the at least one identification medium, the insert, and the protective casing are permanently joined to form the durable unit.
- 28. (New) Means according to claim 24, wherein the at least one identification medium, the insert, and the protective casing are permanently joined to form the durable unit.